

Appl. No. 10/756,938
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REMARKS

In this Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 11 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chin et al., filed on 1/30/2003 in view of Wengrowitz et al. Claims 2 – 4, 7 – 8, 12 – 14, 17 – 18, 22 – 24 and 27 – 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Chin et al. in view of Wengrowitz and further in view of Merkuria.

Although Chin et al. was filed on 1/30/2003, It was published on 9/9/2004. By contrast, the present invention was filed on 1/14/2004, more than seven months before the publication of Chin et al. Consequently, Chin et al. is not available as a 102 prior art reference to reject the claims in the present Application.

Since the 103 rejection of the claims is based on Chin et al. and since Chin et al. is not a prior art reference of the claims in the application, Applicants submit that the claims are allowable over the cited references. Hence, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue of the claims.

Respectfully Submitted

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